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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT TO US OF SONEDE OFFICIAL

REF: LAMING TELEX RECEIVED BY EMBASSY TUNIS 2/24/78

TO: MR. D.M. LAMING
PRICE BROTHERS COMPANY
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1. FOLLOWING RESPONDS TO YOUR TELEX RECEIVED FEBRUARY 24: BDET IMPRESSED BY YOUR PROPOSAL AND BELIEVES IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF PROSPECTIVE PARTNER SONEDE HAD FIRSTHAND EXPOSURE TO YOUR TECHNOLOGY. AS YOU ARE AWARE, PRESIDENT AHMED FRIH OF SONEDE IS HIGH ON LIST OF APPROVED EMBASSY ALTERNATE NOMINEES FOR INTERNATIONAL VISITOR GRANTS. HE DEFINITELY WOULD LIKE TO VISIT USA IN JUNE ON COMBINED BUSINESS AND CULTURAL ORIENTATION VISIT. HOWEVER, HE WISHES TO BE CLEARLY AN OFFICIAL VISITOR AND DOES NOT WISH TO ACCEPT INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL DIRECTLY FROM PRIVATE PARTY. WE, FOR OUR PART, NOT ABLE TO OFFER HIM FULL INTERNATIONAL VISITOR GRANT UNTIL WE ESTABLISH HOW MANY OF OUR PRIMARY UNCLASSIFIED

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NOMINEES WILL BE ABLE TO TRAVEL THIS FISCAL YEAR. THIS DETERMINATION NOT POSSIBLE BEFORE LATE APRIL.

2. HOWEVER, WE--INCLUDING CULTURAL AFFAIRS OFFICER--ARE CONVINCED THAT FIRH'S VISIT FOR CULTURAL PURPOSES FULLY JUSTIFIED AND WOULD SUPPORT PARTIAL GRANT COVERING US DOMESTIC TRAVEL AND PER DIEM (OTHER THAN PLANT

VISIT) IF OTHER FINANCING ARRANGED FOR BALANCE OF EXPENSES. IN ORDER TO SEEK SOLUTION TO DILEMMA, WE SEE NO OBJECTION TO YOUR PROPOSAL TO CONTACT MARSHALL BERG, DIRECTOR OF OFFICE OF NEAR EAST/NORTH AFRICAN AFFAIRS, BUREAU OF EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS, IN DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

3. APPRECIATE YOUR KEEPING US ADVISED ON PLANS FOR VISIT AS THEY DEVELOP. REGARDS, HARRY M. MONTGOMERY, ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR.

AMERICAN EMBASSY, TUNIS, TUNISIA MULCAHY

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